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Applicant: KRISHNAN *et al.* Examiner: Unassigned
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STABILIZING AN
IMPLANTABLE LEAD

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

These items, with the exception of enclosed U.S. Patent No 6,304,786, were also first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office regarding a counterpart PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Also enclosed is a copy of the PCT International

Search Report, which categorizes each of the references, including any non-English references to be considered by the Examiner.

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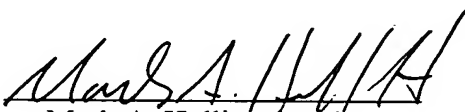
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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